

**KENTUCKY BOARD OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE
PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY
MINUTES
October 11, 2011**

The Board Meeting of the Kentucky Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology was held at the Office of Occupations and Professions, 911 Leawood Drive Frankfort, Kentucky on October 11, 2011

MEMBERS PRESENT

Anne Olson, Chair, Audiologist
Jan J. Weisberg, Otolaryngologist
Heather Johnson, SLP
Robin L. Harris, SLP
George Purvis, Audiologist
Bettyruth Bruington, Citizen-at-Large

GUEST

John Steffen, Executive
Branch Ethics Commission

MEMBERS ABSENT

Richard Dressler, SLP
Deanna L. Frazier, Audiologist

OCCUPATIONS AND PROFESSIONS STAFF

Marcia Egbert, Board Administrator
Jeremy Horton, Deputy Executive Director

BOARD ATTORNEY

Michael West

Call to Order

Chair Anne Olson called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

Ethics Training

Executive Director, John Steffen from the Executive Branch Ethics Commission presented training on Ethics as it pertains to members of the Executive Branch Boards and Commissions. He distributed a flyer that contained guidelines for Ethics to the Board members. Discussion of Ethic situations was discussed and questions were answered by Mr. Steffen.

Minutes

A motion was made by Heather Johnson to approve the minutes as corrected. The motion was seconded by Jan Weisburg. Motion carried.

Board Monthly Financial Report

The Financial Report for July 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011 was presented to the Board for review and discussion. No further action taken.

Licensure Status Report

The Licensure Status Report was reviewed. Heather Johnson questioned the use of the word "termination" in reference to Interim licensees on the Online Verification System when a licensee applies for and receives full licensure and moves to that position. She felt that it looked bad when someone would look at her verification and see the word

“Termination.” She asked if the word “Termination” could be changed to something else to reflect that the licensee had completed that phase of licensure and had moved to full licensure. She felt that we should retain the word “Termination” for those that were actually terminated. The word suggested to be used in the system for those obtaining full licensure was “Transitioned.” Marcia Egbert will talk to Jeff Boler to be sure this could be done on the new database and that we would have the capability to query those that had been terminated from those that had actually transitioned.

O & P Report

OIG Services – Deputy Executive Director Jeremy Horton opened the floor for questions pertaining to the cessation of the OIG’s Investigation Services. The question of why they had ceased providing this service was asked and discussed. OIG is a part of the Labor Cabinet and the Office of Occupations and Professions falls under general Government and is not part of a Cabinet that can be serviced by OIG. There are several options for investigations. The Board can hire its own independent investigator on a RFP contract. The option of hiring a group of investigators across the state was also discussed. Jeremy Horton will discuss with the Financial Department about finding an investigator, timeframe in obtaining one and the cost. He will report back at the next meeting.

George Purvis stated that the new website looked really good but that he noticed that some of the minutes were missing and he was unable to find a link to the full statutes and regulations for the Board. He would like to see a link added to the website that will allow the complete statutes and regulations to be accessed from our website. It was the understanding of Jeremy Horton and Marcia Egbert that that option was available. They will look into this and have it added if it is not already there.

George Purvis also questioned whether the salaries of the two new positions in the Office of Occupations and Professions will be funded by the Boards. Jeremy Horton stated that their salaries will be included in the MOA’s being prepared and will be divided among the Boards as all other staff positions are.

Attorney’s Report

Michael West stated that he composed and sent the letter in response to the RTI question to Marcia Egbert to be forwarded to the anonymous licensee that submitted it.

He also stated that he had talked with Mark Brengleman in regard to Telehealth and plans to get with him again soon. He will report his findings at the next Board meeting.

Complaint Committee Report

None.

Old Business

Forms: Anne Olson reported that all the changes had been updated for the Speech-Language Pathology Assistant forms and the final forms will be submitted to the Board for approval at the next Board meeting.

Heather Johnson will take the lead on updating all the forms pertaining to Speech-Language Pathology Interims and Speech-Language Pathology licensure. She will report back at the next meeting.

Position statement on Telepractice: The Board needs to make a decision on whether we want to write regulations. Attorney Michael West has talked with Mark Brengleman who is the Attorney for the Board of Professional Psychologist on how they compiled their regulations for that Board and plans to meet with him again to determine the next step for our Board. He will report back at the next meeting.

Work Session – Purpose and Topics: Jeremy Horton reported that he would get back with the Board on procedures for obtaining a facilitator for the work session.

Response to Caseload and Reading Program E-Mail: Michael West reported in the Attorney Report that he has responded. No further action taken.

New Business

Disciplinary Actions – Post on Website? Marcia Egbert stated to the Board that she is getting a lot of calls and Open Records Requests on disciplinary actions. She said that some Boards post disciplinary actions on their websites. Discussion followed as to whether or not this was something the Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Board would want to implement. Chair Anne Olson stated that she would like to table this until the next meeting because she wants time to think about it and she also wants to ask at the NCSB Conference what other states do.

Renewal Forms – When do you want them sent? Marcia Egbert asked the Board when they wanted the Renewal Notices to go out. Discussion followed. The Board requested that Marcia send out the Notices/Audits as soon as possible.

FYI – Report from Hearing Instrument Specialists Conference – Numerous states now regulation Audiology Assistants: Anne Olson will get feedback about this at the NCSB Conference. No further action taken.

Meeting Dates for 2012: Marcia Egbert submitted suggested dates for Board meetings in 2012. She stated that she moved some meetings from the second Tuesday of the month to a date that would better allow her to prepare for the meeting and to respond to licensees following the meeting and would not conflict with her other Board. She stated that she has also changed meeting dates on her other Board. After review, the Board agreed to the dates. Ms. Egbert will have the meeting dates posted on the website and send an e-mail to all Board members with the dates.

E-Mail from Kristan Wadell – Question in regard to licensure law: Anne Olson asked that Marcia Egbert send her information on the licensee and she will draft a letter to Ms. Wadell.

Application Review

The Applications Review Committee met at 10:00 a.m. Jan Weisberg made a motion, seconded by Heather Johnson, to approve recommendations made from today's committee meeting for the following applicants for licensure in the appropriate area. The motion carried:

SPEECH- LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY INTERIM – *Christina Kang Burns, Holly Marie Cambron, Jill A. Corwin, Bridget A. Medley*

SPEECH- LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY – *Jennifer Lynn Bill, Michelle L. Hogg, Robert B. Manor, Toni Alecia Shepherd, Brenda K. Thompson, Taryn Ashley White, Lindsay Wisecarver*

SPEECH- LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT INTERIM – *None*

SPEECH- LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT – *Maria A. Contini*

AUDIOLOGY – *Angela Ponthier*

CHANGE IN SUPERVISION AND/OR PPE – *Kaley Cornell, Whitney Griffin, Laura Miller, Erin Brittany Morris, Cari Payton, Stefanie Pennington, Brenda Stefanic*

EXTENSIONS – SLP – INTERIM – *Angadi Vrushali*

EXTENSIONS – SLP ASSISTANT – INTERIM – *Sahale Stevenson*

REINSTATEMENTS – *None*

REINSTATEMENTS (with 12 month extension) – *None*

REINSTATEMENTS DEFERRED – *None*

APPLICATION FOR REACTIVATION AT RENEWAL – SLP – *None*

APPLICATION FOR REACTIVATION AT RENEWAL – AUD (with 12 month extension) – *None*

CONTINUING EDUCATION: *Approval of all CEU's. The approved number of hours will be posted on website.*

Travel and Per Diem

A motion was made by George Purvis and seconded by Bettyruth Bruington to approve payment of travel expenses and per diem compensation to eligible members in attendance at today's meeting. The motion carried.

Adjournment

The Board Meeting was adjourned by Chair Anne Olson at 2:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marcia Egbert